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ANOMALIES IN PAY SCALES OF ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a panel of group of Ministers set up to look into anomalies in the pay and allowances of Armed Forces following the Fifth Pay Commission has since arrived at any decision;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which a decision is likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The Fifth Central Pay Commission (VCPC) had made various recommendations for improving the service conditions including pay and allowances of the Armed Forces personnel. A High Level Committee was, however, constituted specifically to consider the anomalies in the pay and allowances of Armed Forces Personnel, arising out of the implementation of the VCPC recommendations. The recommendations of this Committee were further examined by a group of senior officers headed by Cabinet Secretary. Orders on most of their recommendations relating to pay and allowances have been issued by the Government. There are two issues i.e. pay scales of the Personnel Below Officers` Rank and of Lt. General/equivalent, which are being looked into by a Group of Ministers in view of their wider implications. The Group of Ministers is likely to consider these issues shortly.